(SRI M. V. RAMA RAO)

the settlements dated 4-2-1967, it has been agreed upon that from the date of restarting the Mills and within 15 working days thereafter all sections of the Mills should be restarted and the workers who turn up for work within this period should be absorbed and the representatives of both management and the workers should sit together with the conciliation Officer and come to an agreement regarding standard muster roll and other matters. All points not mutually agreed upon are to be referred to arbitration. The management are saying that all sections of the Mills could not be re-started as cotton was in short supply. The Commissioner of Labour is holding conciliation proceedings in this regard. The Government have addressed the Textile Commissioner to make available the required quantity of cotton to the Mills.

No other breach of settlements or agreement have been reported in any other Mill in this State.

Information subsequent to the preparation of this note is that the cotton supply position has improved and more and more workers have been taken back into these factories.

These two mills together have a permanent labour strength of 4,337 plus casuals or *badlies* numbering 1,847. Up-to-date, 2,860 persons out of 4,337 permanent employees have been taken to duty and a small number of casuals and *badlies* have been given employment as and when vacancies arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Public Works, I beg to lay the Audit Report of the Mysore State Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1966, as required under sub-section 5 (a) of Section 69 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Audit Report is laid on the Table of the House.

MOTION FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE KARNATAK UNIVERSITY

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Sir, I beg to move :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Four* Members to the Senate of the Karnatak University according to the principle of Proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under section 15 (1) clause II (A) (iii) (a) read with section 56 of the Karnatak University Act, 1949."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Four* Members to the Senate of the Karnatak University according to the principle of roportional prepresentation by means of the single transferable vote as required under section 15 (1) clause II (A) (iii) (a) read with section 56 of the Karnatak University Act, 1949 "

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events for this is being circulated separately.

MOTION OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MYSORE UNIVERSITY

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Leader of the House).—Sir, I beg to move :

" That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Six* members to the Senate of the Mysore University according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Six* members to the Senate of the Mysore University according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events is being circulated separately.

MOTION OF ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS TO THE BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Leader of the House),—Sir, I beg to move :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Six* Members to the Senate of the Bangalore University according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under (i) item clause II of sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Bangalore Unversity Act, 1964."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Six* Members to the Senate of the Bangalore University according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under item (i) clause II of sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Bangalore University Act, 1964."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events for the election is being circulated separately.

MOTION OF ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Leader of the House).—Sir, I beg to move :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Three* Members to the Board of the Regents of the University of Agricultural Sciences according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vate as required under sub-section (2) (B) (iv) of section 25 of the University of Agricultural Sciences Act, 1963."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Three* Members to the Board of the Regents of the University of Agricultural Sciences according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as required under sub-section (2) (B) (iv) of section 25 of the University of Agricultural Sciences Act, 1963."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events for the election is being circulated separately.

MOTION OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE STATE LIBRARY AUTHORITY.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Leader of the House).—Sir, I beg to move :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Four* Members to the State Library Authority in accordance with clause (*b*) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Mysore Public Libraries Act, 1965."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect *Four* Members to the State Library Authority in accordance with clause (*b*) of Sub-Section (2) of section 3 of the Mysore Public Libraries Act, 1965."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events for the election is being circulated separately.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1967-68

General Discussion.

(*Debate continued*)

Sri P.F.D'MELLOW (Nominated).—Mr. Speaker Sir, in touching on the Budget Speech of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, I should like to speak on a few matters that unfortunately appear to escape his attention, but which are nevertheless matters of concern to the people of the State.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Have the Members received the copy of the Minister's Statement ? It has been circulated. Those who have not got copies, may kindly ask and take them.

Sri P.F.D'MELLOW.—I refer first to the question of treatment and relief to the ex-employees of the Government known as pensioners and other retired personnel.

Sir, I do admit that few Governments if any, are willing to increase their financial commitments at this stage and we admit that the overall resources should be devoted and directed towards development projects.

Sir, I shall content myself today by touching briefly not so much to what the Hon'ble Finance Minister told us in his budget speech, but to what appears most unfortunately to have escaped his attention.

Sir, while I am entirely in agreement with Government in all measures that it has taken and contemplates where the less paid Government employee is concerned, I must confess that I cannot understand the utter disregard paid to the claims of the ex-government servant, be he a pensioner or a retired employee. I question whether any Government would honestly say that the welfare of the pensioner and the ex-government employees is no longer the concern of the State ? I admit that Governments are naturally hesitant to increase their financial commitments at a time when the need is to conserve our funds for development, but does this mean that Government seriously suggest that it bears no responsibility whatsoever once an individual retires, and is not actively employed ? Sir, I do admit that perhaps this is very largely due to the fact that it has become fashionable nowadays to pay little